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With respect to the above-identified patent application, an Office Action dated May 19, 2006 is currently pending.

On the first page consisting of the Office Action Summary, there is a box "checked" under item 10, relating to the drawings of the application papers. However, there is no reference made as to whether the drawings are considered to be accepted or objected to by the Examiner.

Because it is understood by the Applicants that objections to the drawings may not be held in abeyance, Applicants are requesting clarification as to whether the drawings have been considered acceptable or objected to by the Examiner. With this request for clarification, Applicants have filed a request for a three month extension of time, covering the date of this Request for Clarification.

Prior to a substantive Response to the Examiner's disposition of the claims, Applicants are therefore requesting clarification as to whether new or corrected drawings are required. In any event, after notification from the Examiner as to whether corrected drawings are

required, Applicants are requesting a thirty (30) day period in which to file a Response to the disposition of the claims, and to submit corrected drawings, if required.

Should any questions arise in connection with the foregoing, please contact Thomas L. Lockhart at the telephone number of 616/336-6000.

Respectfully submitted,

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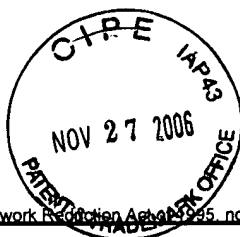
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